IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED 09/20/2006

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Applicants:

Daniel B. Hage, et al.

Application Number
10/675,579

For
System and Process for Reducing Impurities

Group Art Unit
1754

Confirmation No. 9962

Examiner
Johnson, Edward M.

Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

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The Examiner states that restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following inventions:

Group I:

Claims 1-15, drawn to a process for reducing a level of H₂O, classified in

class 423, subclass 210; or

Group II:

Claims 16-28, drawn to an impurity gettering device and system,

classified in class 422, subclass 177.

Applicant elects to prosecute Claims 1-15 of Group I with traverse. The traversal is based on an examination of all the claims not being a burden upon the Office.